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In re Application of:)
Gianluigi HOTELLIER et al.)
Serial No.: 09/966,115) Group Art Unit: 1714
Filed: October 1, 2001) Examiner: CAIN, EDWARD J
Allowed: October 5, 2004) Confirmation No.: 4753
For: PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING)
A TYRE COMPOUND)
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

**LETTER REQUESTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed in this application on January 2, 2002. In reviewing our files, we find that we have not received from your Office a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which would serve as acknowledgment of receipt of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and as an indication that the references were considered by the examiner.

A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, the Information Disclosure Citation on Form PTO-1449 as retrieved from the Private PAIR website and stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to indicate receipt, is attached.

The examiner is respectfully requested either to send us a duplicate of the copy of the Form PTO-1449 or issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37) which

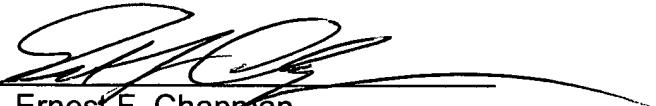
both acknowledges receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and the Information Disclosure Citation, and indicates that the reference were considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

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present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the document. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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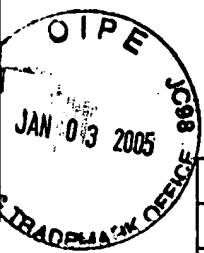
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	Wolff et al.; "SILICA-BASED TREAD COMPOUNDS: BACKGROUND AND PERFORMANCE"; Tyretech '93, Conference, Basel / Switzerland, published by Degussa, (1993)						

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